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SUBJECT: WILDCAT STRIKE BY ICELANDIC AIRLINES PILOTS: TRAVEL
ADVISORY

REF: STATE 54764

1. ICELANDIC AIRLINES (LOFTLEIDIR) PILOTS INITIATED WILDCAT
STRIKE AFTERNOON APRIL 4 OVER GOI CUTBACK IN EXPECTED MARCH 1
COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE.

2. STRIKE STOPPED LOFTLEIDIR APRIL 4 FLIGHTS TO NEW YORK
AND CHICAGO DURING THEIR STOPOVERS IN ICELAND AND STRANDED
APPROXIMATELY 250 REPEAT 250 TRANSIT PASSENGERS, 175 OF
WHOM EMBASSY ESTIMATES TO BE US CITIZENS. STRANDEES WERE
GIVEN HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AT LOFTLEIDIR'S EXPENSE NIGHT
APRIL 4.

3. LOFTLEIDIR CONTACTS INDICATE NEW YORK BOUND STRANDEES WILL BE
TRANSPORTED TO NEW YORK APRIL 5 VIA FINNAIR FLIGHT 111
WHICH SCHEDULED ARRIVE JFK 1700 EST. LOFTLEIDIR ATTEMPTING MAKE
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SIMILAR ARRANGMENTS FOR CHICAGO BOUND STRNADEES AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

4. CONSULAR OFFICER HAS CONTACTED STRANDEES AND HAS OFFERED
PROVIDE APPROPRIATE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED.

5. ALL LOFTLEIDIR FLIGHTS (I.E., LOFTLEIDIR FLIGHTS

BETWEEN LUXEMBOURG AND NEW YORK AND CHICAGO) WILL BE
INOPERATIVE UNTIL STRIKE IS TERMINATED.

6. FLIGHTS BETWEEN ICELAND AND OTHER EUROPEAN CITIES
(GLASGOW, LONDON, COPENHAGEN, OSLO, AND STOCKHOLM)
ON COUNTRYW
THANDS, HAVE NOT BEEN AFFECTED.
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